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I am a software engineer in Silicon Valley. I do not find the proposed settlement adequate.

I believe a stiff penalty for Microsoft is in order. If this means holding the case open for another couple of years, so be it.

Microsoft, in its practice of attacking open standards and portability solutions (example: java) has been hampering software development for a number of years. In addition to this, it has been leveraging ownership of Windows to provide unfair advantages for Microsoft applications:

1. Performance increase via internal Microsoft-only API's.
2. Product leveraging by including them "free" with the operating system (Internet Explorer).

Normally, the market would react to this by going to a competing OS. However, the applications barrier to entry (see Judge Jackson's Finding of Facts) along with Microsoft's control of the desktop market makes this impossible.

Microsoft does not currently control the UNIX/Linux market, but those machines have very little applicability to home and non-technical business users. In the home desktop OS market it does in fact have a monopoly.

Microsoft's monopoly power hinders, not drives competition and innovation in the software industry. An effective remedy really requires a breakup of the company.

Please withdraw your consent from the revised proposed Final Judgment.

Thank you.

- Mike Gdog G

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